



FALL CLEANUP DAY: If getting rid of excess stuff has been on your to-do list, it's time to let the purging begin. Republic Waste Services will schedule extra crews **OCTOBER 15** to collect additional trash and unwanted items as part of fall cleanup day. Construction debris, concrete, household hazardous waste, paint, pool chemicals and leaves are NOT included.

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HIGHLAND ON THE MOVE

For the better part of the last decade, Highland has been high on the list of entrepreneurs and national corporations looking to construct professional, retail and everything in between. With south Highland nearing full development, the next hot area looks to be the north Kennedy Avenue corridor. 🐾

LAND BUYS ...

The Town Council has secured land planned to serve as the next home for the Public Works Garage on south Kennedy Avenue.

Council President Steve Wagner said, however, there are no immediate plans to build a new facility or move the garage. "We secured the land because it became available. The town had expressed interest and recently heard back from the owner of two of the parcels who said they were ready to sell. It wasn't long before the neighbor also

said they wanted to sell," Wagner said. "Parcels of the size we need in locations that make sense are quickly disappearing. With this purchase, we can guarantee there will be land when the council decides to proceed."

The purchased parcels are located at 10030, 10040 and 10104 Kennedy Avenue. Although it has yet to market the Public Works property, the town continues to field inquiries from those interested in developing land at the Kennedy Avenue gateway to Highland.. 🐾

CARDINAL CAMPUS ...

When it comes to measuring whether economic development will be good for Highland, Council President Steve Wagner looks to the plans, financing, developer's track record and long-term benefits to the town.

Wagner said the town found such a development in Cardinal Campus.

"We look for the highest value developments that make sense," he said. What good development does – even if we provide incentives – is help keep tax lower than they otherwise would have been for our residents."

At full development Cardinal Campus is projected to create 527 permanent, full-time jobs with an annual payroll in excess of \$1.558 million and add \$42.5 million in assessed value to the tax base. 🐾

KENNEDY BRIDGE ...

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will delay reconstruction of the Kennedy Avenue bridge over the river until at least 2021.

LCRBCD Executive Director Dan Repay said the bridge – the lowest in the flood control system – needs to be raised. A decision to wait is based on bridge aesthetics planned to complement business development on both sides of the river. 🐾

SENIOR HOUSING ...

The Town Council and Redevelopment Commission have advanced a plan to create a public street out of what has been known as Ernie Strack Drive and align it with 44th Street at Kleinman Road. A new road and completion of a traffic study were requested by members of the Plan Commission before they proceed with a request by developers of a proposed senior living complex between Cline and Kleinman.

WHAT'S NEXT? The Plan Commission will take up the issue at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road. 🐾

NO BURNING LEAVES

Open burning of leaves, twigs or other yard waste is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland. According to Title 12.15.050 of the Highland Municipal Code, "No person shall openly burn or ignite refuse, garbage or rubbish." The law was created in 2000 to keep residents and structures safe.

INFO: Visit highland.in.gov/MunicipalCode to learn more.

NO BLOWING DEBRIS

Motorcyclists are asking that grass clippings and leaves be kept out of the street because of the danger they pose. Tires spin out of control when they come into contact with yard waste.



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SUPERINTENDENT LAUDED FOR CULTIVATING HIGHLAND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

When nominations opened for the top appointed official in Indiana, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin and Town Councilman Mark Herak didn't hesitate in submitting Alex Brown.

Brown received the Ivan H. Brinegar Municipal Management Award at the 2019 Accelerate Indiana Municipalities Ideas Summit in French Lick.

"The dedication Alex has shown to cultivating Highland's parks and recreation opportunities is an inspiration to all in public service," Aim CEO Matt Greller said. "Alex's body of work spans decades, and the mark he leaves on Highland and the broader Northwest Indiana community is a testament to his strong leadership."

Parks Superintendent for the last 21 years, Brown has left an indelible mark on Highland.

"Alex has the skills and talent to manage both Lincoln Community Center and the town's 23 parks and bike trails, while continually looking for ways to bring value-added projects to the town," Council President Steve Wagner said.

"On behalf of the Town Council, we want to congratulate Alex for this award and thank him for everything he brings to our town." 🐾



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Colorful new playground equipment has replaced the 23-year-old wooden set at Main Square Park. Soon, there will be similar equipment at Sheppard and Fletcher parks - all part of Park and Recreation's plan to replace aging equipment. All new playgrounds are ADA accessible, including the safety surfacing. Sheppard Park will have a Generation Swing Seat where two people of different ages can swing together. Each park will have belt swings and a tot swing. Since many of Highland's youth soccer teams play at Sheppard, the playground color combination there will match the blue and yellow of their uniforms.

NEW POLLING PLACES

A quarter of all Highland polls have been reconfigured following sweeping changes for the 2019 election. Here are the updated precincts and where you should vote Nov. 5:



PRECINCT LOCATION

3, 4	Lincoln Social Center 2450 Lincoln St. PCT 1 now votes in 4 PCT 2 now votes in 3
5	Highland Fire Station 2647 45th St,
6, 10	Johnston Elementary 8220 5th St. PCT 7 now votes in 6 PCT 17 now votes in 10
8	Highland Presbyterian 8727 Delaware St.
9, 21	Warren Elementary 2901 100th St.
11	Town Hall 3333 Ridge Road

PRECINCT LOCATION

12, 16	Gloria Dei Lutheran 3711 Ridge Road
15	Merkley Elementary 9340 5th Street PCT 22 now votes in 15
19, 23	Southridge Elementary 9221 Johnston St. PCT 13 now votes in 19
20	Meadow Park Garage 9400 Southmoore Ave.
24	Faith Church 8910 Grace St.
25, 26	Immanuel United 2201 Azalea Dr. PCT 18 now votes in 25
Note:	There is no PCT 14



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BRING FRESH LOOK, ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY TO DOWNTOWN

Construction crews lit up the autumn skies over downtown Highland as they worked feverishly to complete ADA improvements in tandem with a repaving of Highway and Jewett without disrupting commerce.

Public Works Director John Bach is pleased with the fresh look and enhanced accessibility the project brings to the downtown business district.

“Our contractors were more than happy to accommodate the request,” Bach said. “As a result, it’s all gone fairly smoothly.”

This project, along with the LaPorte street reconstruction that is adding storm sewers and curbs on the north side of the street from Kennedy Avenue to Grace Street, are being financed through the state’s Community Crossings Grant program.

Highland committed \$899,478 in 2019 as their share of the program, which the state matches dollar for dollar.

Downtown is scheduled to be finished this month while LaPorte should be completed in early November. 🍂

OFF-DUTY DETECTIVE SAVES RESIDENT’S LIFE

Just one month after collapsing in the family’s backyard, the Highland resident whose heart stopped that fateful day is back home and committed to a five-mile-a-day walking schedule.

“Jason Hildenbrand is our hero,” his wife said. “My husband would not be here without him.”

The family has chosen not to speak out as they grapple with the aftermath of their experience with a cardiac arrest.

It’s the second such event in as many years in Highland, where town employees were able to step up at just the right moment and save a life.

Last year, Mark Sharp was exercising at Lincoln Community Fitness Center when he suffered a heart attack. Since the event, Sharp and his family have worked to increase the availability of no-cost CPR training in Highland.

On Aug. 23, it was off-duty Det. Cpl. Jason Hildenbrand, who assisted a neighbor in need.

Without a pulse, Hildenbrand notified central dispatch requesting an ambulance and began to perform CPR. Annual recertification is part of the protocol for all Highland officers.

Paramedic staff stepped in with life-saving efforts enroute to the hospital. He was discharged just 10 days later. Doctors say Hildenbrand’s efforts saved his neighbor’s life.

“There is no way to adequately thank someone for saving a life,” Town Council President Steve Wagner said.

“On behalf of the residents of Highland, I would like to try – and offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Det. Cpl. Jason Hildenbrand.” 🍂

HIGHLAND’S PAST

Highland Historical Society invites you to join us for an evening with Herman Biesen. Hear about his father Clarence – better known as Pee Wee – who was one of Highland’s early entrepreneurs. Pee Wee’s Toys and Hobbies, Pee Wee’s Drive-In and Pee Wee’s Grocery were just a few of the family’s early business pursuits. Learn more about the Saturday night auctions and Pee Wee’s early years as a Highland Police Officer. Refreshments will be served.

WHEN: 7 p.m. **OCTOBER 24**

WHERE: Lincoln Center room 108-109

INFO: Call (219) 730-5024.

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS

Looking for that special gift? Check out one of the many Christmas bazaars – featuring arts, crafts, quilts, candy, holiday decorations, baked goods and more – hosted by our local churches.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Grace Notes have been busy making salsas, jams and zucchini relish. These delicious goodies will be available for purchase at the holiday bazaar in addition to homemade baked goods and cookies by the pound. Lunch will be available, too!

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **NOVEMBER 2**

WHERE: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3711 Ridge Road

INFO: Please call (219) 838-5313.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will host its 48th annual Christmas bazaar featuring arts, crafts, quilts, candy, holiday decorations, a pet shop, garden booth, homemade baked goods and more. The bazaar also features a delicious lunch on Saturday and donuts on Sunday.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **NOVEMBER 2** and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, **NOVEMBER 3**

WHERE: Our Lady of Grace School cafeteria, 3025 Highway Ave.

INFO: Please call (219) 838-1458 or (219) 838-9011.

FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE

Join us for our holiday bazaar featuring vendors and crafts. Lunch will be available, too!

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **NOVEMBER 2**

WHERE: First Church of the Nazarene, 9330 Kennedy Ave.

INFO: Please call (219) 775-1383.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Do you have stuff you'd like to sell, but don't want people in your home? Join the community garage sale in conjunction with the Card & Comic Show. Register to sell your items now!

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **OCT. 12** and **NOV. 23**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

VENDOR FEES: \$33 for 10' X 10' interior space or \$54 for 23' x 6' wall space.

Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

HIGHLAND YOUTH BASKETBALL

Students in kindergarten through Grade 5 will play a 10-game season while learning the fundamentals of basketball. The league will consist of three divisions: Kindergarten and 1st Grade, 2nd and 3rd Grade, 4th and 5th Grade. Games are on Saturdays and practice on weekdays. Teams are determined by a player draft. All players receive a T-shirt.

DEADLINE: Register by Sunday, **OCT. 13**

FEE: \$50 residents/\$55 nonresidents

PRACTICE: Begins week of **NOV. 4**

GAMES: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **DEC. 7 - FEB. 22**

WHERE: Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

STRAT-O-MATIC BASEBALL

Strat-O-Matic Baseball (SOM) is a statistics-based board game incorporating real MLB® players, stadiums and game situations. Make your own lineup, decide when to steal, hit and run, bunt or pinch hit. SOM is a great way to learn about baseball and improve math skills.

AGES: All ages are welcome!

WHEN: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, **OCT. 29-DEC. 3**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center - Room 115

FEE: \$25 residents/\$30 nonresidents/\$5 drop-in

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Highland Parks and Recreation is now accepting crafters and vendors for its annual fall show featuring candles, handbags, home décor, skin care, gourmet dips and more.

VENDOR FEES: \$43 for 10' X 10' interior space and \$70 for 23' x 6' wall space. Table, chairs, and extension cords are not provided.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **NOV. 30**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

MOM & DAUGHTER PAINT NIGHT

Enjoy a night painting a picture together. Each participant will paint a 12" x 12" canvas that will go together to form one picture. Deadline to register is **NOVEMBER 1**.

AGES: 6-12

WHEN: 6-7:30 p.m. **NOVEMBER 7**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$25 residents/\$30 nonresidents, \$12.50/\$15 each additional daughter.

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114



TRI KAPPA BOO BLAST

2-5 PM OCTOBER 19

Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

Join us for a costume-filled afternoon of games, storytelling, food and music for all kids 10 and under.

TICKETS: \$5 at the door or in advance at Lincoln Center or through Tri-Kappa members.

INFO: mhtrikappa@gmail.com

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

3-5 PM OCTOBER 26

Main Square Park

Interested in participating?

The Highland Council of Community Events invites merchants and organizations to participate.

Costumes and decorated vehicles are encouraged.

Set-up time is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Register at eventbrite.com.

INFO: Email Highlandcce@gmail.com.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

5-7 PM OCTOBER 31

New Life Christian Reformed, 3010 Ridge Road
Suburban Bible, 3010 41st Street

A safe and fun alternative to trick or treating!

INFO: Call Suburban Bible at (219) 924-6240
or New Life Christian Reformed at (219) 838-0506.

Trick-or-treating hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. October 31
for all Highland ghouls and goblins!